



H.RES. 845 – RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 845 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Alcee Hastings (D-FL) on December 5, 2007. This resolution was reported, as amended, by voice vote from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on January 28, 2008.

H.Res. 845 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 4, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 845 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park; and
- Dedicates itself to the success of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

BACKGROUND

President Harry Truman dedicated Everglades National Park on December 6, 1947 in Everglades City, Florida. The park celebrated the 60th anniversary of the dedication with a week long celebration from December 1 – 8, 2007.

The Park is the third largest in the continental United States and covers more than 1.5 million acres in South Florida. The Everglades is home to fourteen endangered and nine threatened species, as well as more than 400 species of birds. In addition, it is the largest mangrove ecosystem in the western hemisphere.

The Water Resource Development Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-53) authorized the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, which is the world's largest ecosystem restoration effort in the world. The plan is expected to improve water flow to the Everglades by removing 240 miles of canals and levees within the Park.

Everglades National Park has been designated an International Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a Wetland of International Importance.

Everglades National Park receives more than one million visitors each year.

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